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Response

This is a response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2002, which contained only an election of species requirement.

Applicants hereby elect the compound of claim 3, which is (-)-cis-6-phenyl-5-[4-pyrrolydinyl-1-yl-ethoxy]-phenyl]-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalene-2-ol. The claims that read on the elected species are claims 1-4.

Applicants wish to note that claims to the compounds of formula I, including (-)-cis-6-phenyl-5-[4-pyrrolydinyl-1-yl-ethoxy]-phenyl]-5,6,7,8-tetrahydro-naphthalene-2-ol, were allowed in U.S. Patent No. 5,552,412, of which the present application claims priority. Because the compounds of formula I are patentable, Applicants respectfully assert that the presently claimed methods of prevent breast cancer using the compounds is patentable.

Consideration and allowance of claims 1-4 is respectfully requested.

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